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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fellow Members - The subject of how very often the coin collector is the victim of a major crime comes to mind. When I refer to the collector I am also referring to the dealer as well. As a group, we have had our homes and our places of business violated. Some have been badly beaten, while others have been murdered. All are high prices to pay simply because we happen to enjoy a hobby which involves items which are, generally, quickly and easily turned into cash.

The police, to whom these thefts,, burglaries and robberies are reported, have a tough time in cases involving coins since so few of the officers have any expertise in the area of coin collections. (I have some first-hand knowledge in this! A number of years ago my home was burglarized and a large part of my collection was taken. Without the help of another collector and some dealers it was doubtful that I would have gotten back about 40% of the stolen items, and had the pleasure of seeing the two theives sentenced to terms in Huntsville.)

I recently received from the Pantego Police Department a letter stating that Lt. Doug Davis of their Criminal Investigation Division is going to conduct a seminar, primarily for police officers. Pantego, by the way, is in Tarrant County adjacent to Arlington, and is the community in which Bob Rosberg was slain on March 27, 1985. Lt. Davis, because of his keen interest in coins and because of his close friendship with Bob Rosberg, has taken the first steps toward giving police officers knowledge necessary to aid them in the solving of these crimes. This seminar will include coin dealers as well as collectors.

I applaud Lt. Davis in his efforts and wish him every success in this endeavor and I hope this will become an annual affair, and that the wave of numismatic crimes can be, to some extent, stemmed. Wouldn't it be wonderful if other police departments across the country would hold similar seminars in their communities? Let's all hope that this idea catches on.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TEXAS!

THE TEXAS CENTENNIAL HALF DOLLAR

J.P. Jones
Waco, Texas

Public Law 59 of the 73rd United States Congress passed on June 15, 1933 authorized the striking of a maximum of 1,500,000 half dollars to commemorate the Centennial of Texas' independence from Mexico. The American Legion Centennial Committee was named as distributor with profits from sales being used to partially fund the Texas Centennial Exposition which was held in Dallas in 1936.

The site of the Exposition, sponsored by the American Legion committee, was a subject of much controversy!

The selection of Dallas as the main site to stage the celebration was not well received by the cities of San Antonio and Houston. They had attempted to win the honor and also the resulting economic benefits. The Exposition site was determined by which city could raise the most funds without consideration to historic credentials. It was a particularly touchy point, especially since the first white settlement at "Three Forks of the Trinity" (Dallas) did not occur until five years after the Battle of San Jacinto.

The final decision was to hold the Centennial event in Dallas. It ran from June 6 to November 29, 1936 and covered 200 acres, cost $25,000,000 and attracted 7,000,000 visitors.

Pompeo Coppini, a New York Artist living in Texas at the time, was selected as designer of the Texas half dollar. His design drew both criticism and praise.

Pictured on the obverse is a majestic eagle clutching an oak branch, superimposed on the Lone Star, and surrounded by the statutory inscription of United States coins, and the date.

On the reverse, which is considered cluttered, a Winged Liberty crouches over the Alamo, flanked by miniature medallion portraits of Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin. Above Liberty appear the six flags which have flown over our state, while around the design is the inscription "The Texas Independence Centennial" and "Remember the Alamo." The dates 1836-1936 are beneath the Alamo.

Of the 205,113 coins dated 1934 struck at the Philadelphia Mint, 61,463 were sold for $1 each with the balance of the coins being melted. In 1935, all three mints produced a total of 30,023 pieces. Priced at $1.50 each,

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CASH COIN CORNER

John K. Kallman,
San Antonio, Tx.

Perhaps the most researched and best documented of all the cash coins are those of Korea. **Cast Coinage of Korea** by Edgar J. Mandel is the standard English reference test. This book builds on the earlier work of C.T. Gardner, **The Coinage of Corea,** which is still available as an ANA reprint.

Mandel was aided in his work by Kim In Sik of the Korean Government Printing Agency. Mr. Sik now runs his own coin shop (The Coin Bank) in Seoul. He was also instrumental in the Korean Coin Dealers publishing a yearly book on Korean coins, with the largest section devoted to cash coins. This book is considered the best foreign language book on Korean cash coins. A special knowledge of the language is not required as it is very well illustrated and the prices listed are easily converted to dollars and cents. The book lists many recently found varieties, and updated pricing as well as more extensive pricing for all coins. In all, there are nearly 3000 coins listed of which about 2500 are easily collectible for nominal sums ($.50 to $5.00 per coin) in average circulated condition.

Korean cash coins are also perhaps the easiest to identify. They fall into two categories. The first category - ancient and medieval - are copies of Chinese coins, and date from 996 A.D. to 1633 A.D. These comprise 58 coins in total, are rare as well as expensive, and should be collected only by the very knowledgeable (and rich). After 10 years of collecting, I have only **ONE** of these coins!

The second, and larger, group was issued between 1633 and 1891 and are referred to as SAN P'YONG T'ONG BO, "always even currency," referring to the common four characters on the obverse of all the coins. These characters are read top, bottom, left and right. On the reverse, at the top (adjacent to the SANG character) is the mint mark. These mint marks are one or two characters from the name of one of the 49 different mints. Other items on the reverse are furnace and serial numbers which are either symbols (a dot equals a star; a circle represents the sun; a crescent, the moon; a horizontal line, man), numbers, or characters from the Thousand Character Classic.

The Thousand Character Classic is a poem as well as a primer for student to learn the language of the

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We celebrate our tenth anniversary on June 1st — we must be doing something right. We were the 2nd dealer in Texas to join the Sloat computer network (now there are about 50 Texas dealers, and over 500 on the system from Canada to Japan).

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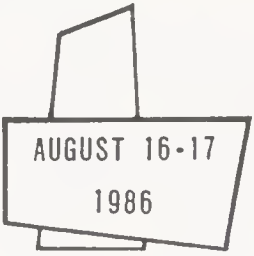

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junior readin' roundup

Texas Numismatic Association

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Attracting youth to the coin hobby is often a challenging problem. Many young people believe they cannot afford to be involved in such an "expensive" hobby. The current emphasis on high grade U.S. coins costing hundreds of dollars would certainly discourage young people with only a small allowance to spend. Yet, there are affordable alternatives for the young collector on a tight budget. If the longtime designs of the Lincoln cent and Washington quarter are not exciting to you, even if they are affordable, you might look to foreign coins as a diverse, affordable area of collecting.

Many low mintage foreign coins can be purchased for much less than a U.S coin with comparable mintage, condition and silver content. If you look through the pages of the **Standard Catalog of World Coins**, you might be surprised at the low cost of some beautiful, low mintage coins. One example is the Guinea 500 Francs Egyptian series of 1970. The coins are in proof condition, contain almost an ounce of pure silver, and have a mintage of only 750 pieces each. The best part is they're priced at about $35.00 each. Try buying a comparable U.S. coin for this small amount!

If you want to own all the coins of one area, the complete set of Saarland (a German province) coins includes only four issues and can be purchased in uncirculated condition for less than $20.00. These bargains can be found in the price lists of many dealers, as foreign coins are not as popular with many U.S. collectors. Therefore, the coins are often discounted to sell them quickly. I hope you find the area of foreign coins exciting and affordable. Looking for the bargains is half the fun!

Not all U.S. coins are out of reach for the young collecor. The new Liberty coins can offer a chance for many young people to own a beautiful Liberty half dollar in proof condition for as low as $7.00. In addition to owning a piece of history and art, the purchaser will also help the Statue of Liberty restoration project.

I encourage all young collectors to seek other areas of coin collecting if they cannot afford U.S. issues. Foreign coins have a lot to offer, and you will not have to offer much to purchase them if you look for the bargains.

Happy Hunting!

from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

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WELCOME to new members 4824-4839. If approved the following will become members July 1, 1986.

4840 (D-12) Larry G. Johnston, 706 Fort Worth, Jacksonville, TX. 75766. Coins. C.S.A., Large Size Notes. R.L. Slocum.

4841 (D-12) James H. Lovett Jr., 104 W. Lufkin Ave., Lufkin Tx. 75701. All. Frank Galindo.

4842 (D-4) Lee Owens, 3805 Ave. H., Austin, TX. 78751. Rare Coins. Frank & Karla Galindo.

4843 W. Nyles Spurlock. Large Cents. Frank & Karla Galindo.

4844 (D-4) Jack Scantlen, 1702 Eva St., Austin, TX. 78704. U.S. Coins. Jerry Williams.

4845 (D-3) Richard W. Ashton, Rt. 2 Box 501, Brownwood, TX. 76801. Foreign. Gerry Kammer & Mac Kennady.

A-4846 (D-3) Mrs. R.W. Ashton, Rt. 2 Box 501, Brownwood, TX. 76801. Foreign. Gerry Kammer & Mac Kennady.

J-4847 (D-7) David Martinez, 6710 Lazy Ridge Dr., San Antonio, TX. 78229. U.S. & Mexico. Mac Kennady & Armando de la Pena.

J-4848 (D-7) Alejandro Martinez, 6710 Lazy Ridge Dr., San Antonio, TX. 78229. U.S. & Mexico. Mac Kennady & Armando de la Pena.

4849 Jim Baker, 246 Spring St., Camden, AR. 71701. Dealer. R.L. Slocum.

4850 (D-7) Louis R. Reina, P.O. Box 160773, San Antonio, TX. 78280. Armando de la Pena & Miriam Gilmore.

4851 Ron Blaha. Early Copper. Frank Clark.

4852 Art Garnett, P.O. Box 33035, Granada Hills, CA. 91344. Mexican Coins & Paper. R.L. Slocum.

4853 Tom G. Bay, P.O. Box 497, Chandler, OK. 74834. Dealer. R.L. Slocum.

4854 (D-7) R.A. Benavides, 5316 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX. 78212. U.S. & Mexico. R.M. Lacewell.

4855 (D-7) John K. Kallman, 5431 Sea Horse Dr., San Antonio, TX. 78240. Asian. Frank & Karla Galindo.

4856 (D-5) Jeff Wright, P.O. Box 833180, Richardson, TX. 75083. U.S. Coins. R.L. Slocum.

4857 (D-5) Kenneth W. McKnight, 2101 Benjamin, Irving, TX. 75060. U.S. Coins. R.L. Slocum.

4858 (D-6) W.C. Wells Jr., P.O. Box 35952, Houston, TX. 77235. U.S. Regular Issue Only. Gerald Kendall.

4859 Jerry Davidson, 203 N. Lehigh, Munhall, PA. 15120. Mexi-

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from the treasurer

Texas Numismatic Association

Jerry Williams
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Balance on hand as of Mar. 31, 1986		7,066.54
RECEIPTS:		
TNA NEWS Ads	297.00	
TNA Dues	255.99	
TNA Medals	2,087.00	
Sesquicentennial History Booklet	920.00	3,559.00
		10,625.54
DISBURSEMENTS:		
TNA Secretary - March Allowance	200.00	
Petty Cash	13.48	
TNA NEWS Editor - April Allowance	200.00	
Postage	45.44	
River Oaks Printing	1,379.10	
Texas Sesquicentennial Expenses	27.09	
Howard Luke Medals Expenses	2,150.68	
Flowers for Eleanor's Mother	18.87	
Refund to Rita Holmes on Medals	32.00	4,066.66
		6,558.88
Balance on hand as of April 30, 1986		6,558.88*

NOTE: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purpose for which they are encumbered. The balance above includes these funds except as noted below.

TNA Flower Fund as of April 30, 1986	27.06*	
Texas Sesquicentennial Fund as of April 30, 1986	1,461.85*	
TNA Memorial Library Fund as of April 30, 1986	100.93*	
TNA NEWS Certificate of Deposit as of April 30, 1986	2,741.43	
Interest Earned	72.39	
Life Membership Savings Account as of April 30, 1986	5,694.81	14,752.51
		21,311.39
TOTAL ASSETS		21,311.39

EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 7-8

GARLAND COIN CLUB, annual show, Holiday Inn, 13700 LBJ Freeway & Centervile Rd. **BOURSE:** Billy D. Gilbreath, Box 461303, Garland 75046.

JUNE 22

DALLAS COIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION, coin show, Holiday Inn, Regal Row & Stemmons. **BOURSE:** Jess Farnsworth, 130 W. Camp Wisdom, Duncanville 75116, 214/296-6659.

JUNE 28-29

GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB, annual show, Knights of Columbus, IH-10. **BOURSE:** Dewey Scott & Jerry Williams, Box 1871, Orange 77630.

JULY 11-13

NORTHLINE COIN SHOW, Airport Hilton Inn, 500 North Belt East, Houston. **WRITE:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206.

JULY 12-13

NORMAN COIN & STAMP CLUB, 5th annual show, Sheraton Hotel, Norman, OK. **WRITE:** Newton Mitchell, 218 E. Main, Norman, OK 73069, 405/360-2515.

JULY 20

DALWORTH COIN & STAMP CLUB, show, Rodeway Inn at Six Flags. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

JULY 26-27

PARIS COIN CLUB, 2nd annual coin show, Fair Grounds. **WRITE:** Ray Spencer, 1231 N. Main, Paris 75460, 214/784-0441.

AUGUST 2-3

BELLAIRE COIN CLUB, annual show, Bellaire Community Center, 7000 S. Rice Ave. **BOURSE:** Charles Brundle, Box 303, Bellaire 77401.

AUGUST 2-3

SHREVEPORT COIN CLUB, ARK-LA-TEX Coin Exposition, Convention Center, 500 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, La. **WRITE:** Club, Box 492, Shreveport, La. 71162.

AUGUST 29-31

DALLAS COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Dallas. **CONTACT:** Ron Blaha, Box 7673, Dallas 75209.

SEPTEMBER 6-7

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB, 26th annual show, Sheraton Hotel Ballroom. **BOURSE:** Fred Clark, 115 S. Chadbourne, San Angelo 76901, 915/653-4731.

SEPTEMBER 13-14

ROSE CITY COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Harvey Hall Convention Center, Tyler. **BOURSE:** Horace Cook, Rt. 1 Box 245, Tyler 75708, 214/592-3607.

SEPTEMBER 14

BEEVILLE COIN CLUB, 19th annual coin show, Student Center, Bee County College, US-181 & Charco Rd. **WRITE:** Club, Box 209, Beeville 78104.

SEPTEMBER 20-21

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB, coin show, Beaumont Hilton, 2355 IH-10 South. **BOURSE:** Jerry Williams, 2645 North St., Beaumont 77702.

SEPTEMBER 27-28

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

OCTOBER 25-26

LAFAYETTE COIN CLUB, "Cajun Coinival" Municipal Auditorium, S. College Rd., Lafayette, La. **BOURSE:** Mike Mouret, 1405 Moss St., Lafayette, La. 70501, 318/232-2573.

FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

1987 - March 27-29, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, San Antonio.

1988 - April 22-24, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Houston.

CLUB HANDBOOK ISSUED BY CNA

The Canadian Numismatic Association announced the completion of a publication titled "The Club Organizational Handbook."

This 48-page booklet provides a comprehensive review of the coin club operation. The material is a guide for existing clubs as well as newly formed and future clubs. Special chapters include a discussion on the club constitution, leadership, attendance, member participation, educational programs, young numismatists, auctions, libraries, newsletters, executive meetings, finances and special events.

Paul Johnson, CNA Toronto area director and member of the educational committee, was the co-ordinator of the handbook. Written material was edited by Richard Becker, CNA Eastern director, Dr. Marvin Kay, prominent Toronto numismatist, and Paul Johnson.

At the present time, this is the only available source which summarizes and presents recommendations on all phases of the coin club. The handbook will be useful to current coin club executive members, incoming board members and those numismatists wanting more information on coin club operation in general.

Copies can be purchased for $3.00 postpaid from the Canadian Numismatic Association, Box 226, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4T2, Canada.

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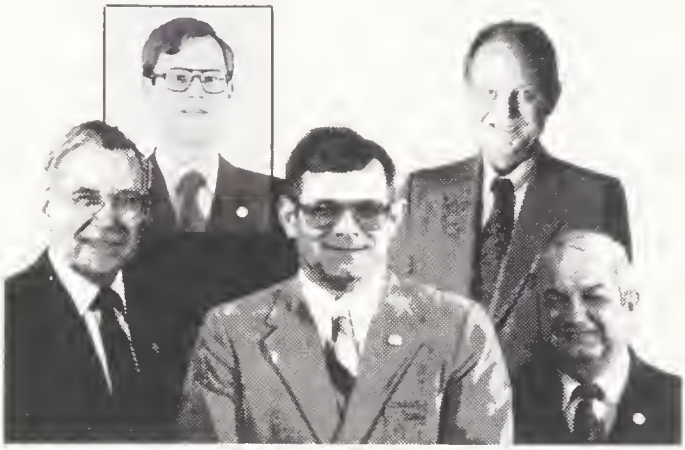

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TEXAS District Meetings

PLEASE NOTE: If your club activities are not listed that means (1) The report was not received by the 1st of the month deadline or (2) The TNA Club representative, reporter or secretary did not send it to the **TNA NEWS** editor.

DISTRICT I —

Morris Johnson
Governor

Elleta Havens treated **Fort Worth Coin Club** members to a film showing on The Franklin Mint at the regular meeting. A 34-lot auction was also held.

Two new members were welcomed: John Norman and Elizabeth Klinglesmith. TNA convention reports were given.

1986 officers are Charles Wooley, president; Havens, vice president; Frances Luke, secretary; and Dub Bunton, treasurer. Directors are Howard Luke, Joe Wade, Jerry Conger and Charles Williams. - **Newsletter.**

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A quiz on early money was given at the **Stephenville Coin Club** meeting at Golden Corral Cafe and plans made for participating in the Sesquicentennial parade on April 21. Members conducted a "pitch penny" game along the parade route.

Plans also were made to assemble an exhibit of medals at the TNA convention. - **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

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DISTRICT II —

August H Ganze Jr.
Governor

Comanche Springs Stamp & Coin Club, meeting at Pecos County State Bank in Fort Stockton, reported on status of wooden nickels ordered to be sold in hopes of building up club funds.

Numismatic books were available for research and a "sale-trade" session was held.

Members are planning programs on starting a collection in stamps and coins for interested beginners. Thirteen attended the meeting. - **Jo Beth Shellenberger, Sec.**

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A cubic foot of gold weighs about 1,000 pounds.

DISTRICT IV —

Dr Robert Greenwood
Governor

A total of 69 dealers attended the **Waco Coin Club** annual coin and stamp show in March according to reports given at the regular meeting. Special guests present were John Hill of Temple; Lyman Bartee, Austin; and Mac and Eleanor Kennady of Austin.

One member displayed a UNICEF Year of the Child silver Proof set in its presentation holder. - **J.P. Jones, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT V —

Paul Garner
Governor

Tim Lee presented a program on International Paper Money Show Cards at **Garland Coin Club's** meeting and Barney Welch conducted an auction of 33 items.

Plans were discussed for the June 7-8 22nd annual coin show to be held at Holiday Inn, LBJ at Centerville. Ed Edinger won the door prize. - **Danny L. Hollen, Sec.**

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Paris Coin Club will host the 2nd annual show on July 26-27 at the Fair Grounds. For more information contact Ray Spencer, club president, 1231 N. Main, Paris 75460, 214/784-0441.

Bobbie Jones is club secretary and Billy Kee, vice president.

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Ron Blaha spoke to **Dallas Coin Club** members about New Jersey coppers. These were low grade Colonials minted between 1786 and 1788 and had a horse's head and plow on one side. The coin was the first to use the Latin phrase E Pluribus Unum. The state used private contractors to strike these receiving 90 per cent of the proceeds, and the state only 10 per cent. Coppers first came into being in England in 1672 and were needed to make small change. In the early 1700s most of them came from Cornwall in England.

Under discussion were coin show plans for August 29-31 and National Coin Week. - **Tom Ragsdale, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VI —

Chris Johns
Governor

Bellaire Coin Club elected new officers and Ray Shotwell will serve as president; Joe Wells, treasurer; and A.J. Lanier, secretary. The installation banquet was at Sonny Lock's Sir-Loin Inn on May 5.

The second May meeting resumed with the regular format - business,

auction, games and refreshments.

It was noted that Joe Wells, club treasurer, is a direct descendent of one of the gallant Texas Army men who defeated Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto and was instrumental in the formation of Texas as a nation. - **Club Bulletin.**

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New officers to serve **Greater Houston Coin Club** include Ray Aldrete, president; Carl Fogarty, vice president; Mike Levinson, treasurer; Melvin L. Neal, secretary; and Chris Johns and Ralph Ross, board members. Club historian is Henrietta Aldrete and Ina Levinson, Double Shift editor.

Applying for membership were Gary Erickson, Nela and Francis Runkle and Deborah E. Foulke. Voted in were Billy Masters and James Robinson. Winning door prizes were Melvin L. Neal and Mrs. Fred Baker. - **Club Bulletin.**

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Bill Chase was in charge of the program at **Pasadena Coin Club** meeting on April 28 and spoke on NASA's plans for the future in the space program.

On April 14 new officers were installed at a ceremony at Daddy Grover's with Fred Baker as installing officer.

An incentive program to attend every meeting for the coming year has been initiated: Each member qualifying will receive an award at the installation banquet in 1987. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VII — Elected to serve **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio as president was Richard Goodwin. The new officers were installed by Frank Galindo, TNA District 7 governor, during a dinner meeting at Grady's Barbecue Restaurant.

Frank Galindo
Governor

Members participated in National Coin Week by placing exhibits and dispensing numismatic and club information at a booth set up at Wonderland Shopping Mall.

April programs included A Close Look at Counterfeits and an auction. - **Club Bulletin.**

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Mike Greenspan entertained members and guests of **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio with a slide presentation about "Soda Tokens" at the regular meeting held at Wyatt's Cafeteria. Next in line to give a program was Cliff Valley discussing the 14 official mints of Mexico and many of the "unofficial" which issued the revolutionary coinage.

Under discussion at each meeting are plans for hosting the 1987 TNA convention in San Antonio. The "Numismatic Fiesta" will be held March 27-29 in the Convention Center. Raymond E. Tate is general chairman. Bourse applications can be obtained from Mike Greenspan, Box 21087, San Antonio 78221-0089.

DISTRICT VIII – Nominated to serve **Corpus Christi Coin Club** during 1986-87 are Bill Bailey, president; Alonzo Perez, 1st vice president; Glenn Littrell, 2nd vice president; Betty Crisp, secretary; and Ouida Davis, treasurer. The new officers were installed at the installation dinner at Uncle Chester's Crabhouse.

Joe B. Davis
Governor

Don Bryant of Kingsville gave a program on the history of the Texas Rangers and displayed items and medals relating to the subject. During another meeting, Jon Hepner talked on investments.

Winning door prizes were Joe B. Davis, John Smolik and Bob Evans.

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Members of **Kingsville Coin Club** held a show and exhibit at Southgate Mall in Kingsville to celebrate National Coin Week. The club also assembled several exhibits around the city in honor of the Texas Sesquicentennial.

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DISTRICT IX – Dr. J.H. Oyer was appointed to represent **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield at the TNA convention in Fort Worth. The club was well represented as others also attended.

E. L. Pitzer
Governor

A general discussion was held on the hobby, precious metals, coin prices and grading with members participating. E.L. Merriott won the door prize. - **E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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Twenty two attended the **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock meeting when reports indicated a very successful coin show in March.

Jim Hall gave a program on large cents and pointed out that there were more varieties in this series of U.S. coins than any other. On display was a complete set of the large cents.

The Trivia Game was conducted by Wally Borchardt and some members answered questions correctly indicating much knowledge on their collecting interests.

Hall and Hanson Ling were in charge of the auction. D.O. Joplin won the door prize. - **E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT X —

Walt Woelper
Governor

Mike Estrada is the new librarian for **International Coin Club** of El Paso and the club is fortunate in having the library material at the meeting site making it convenient for members to check out books. Thanks went to Mark Koenigsberg who had stored the library for the past two years.

Members are asked to wear the name tags at each meeting that the club is having made up and a summer picnic is being planned. Olin Franklin is a new member. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT XI —

Tom Zorn gave a program on Proof-Like Silver Dollars at the regular meeting of **Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.** of Amarillo. The club meets at First National Bank in the Centennial Room.

Door prize winners were Kathryn Boyd, Lisa Thompson, C.C. Stewart, Curtis Maple, Chuck Boyd and Zorn. Cory Brant Jr. is a new member. - **Club Bulletin.**

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Numerous dentists like to go camping in remote places and make a hobby out there of panning the creek beds for gold. Understandable. Gold buyers visit dentists' offices routinely!

DISTRICT XIII –

Raymond E. Whyborn
Governor

Members of **Greenbelt Coin Club** of Vernon made preparations to participate in National Coin Week by placing exhibits in local banks with the Mayor of Vernon signing a proclamation declaring NCW in Vernon. This activity is in keeping with the club's position of public awareness, expansion of education and publicity of the hobby and its many benefits.

An auction was conducted by Bill Howard and Robbie Robinson. The club meets at Olney Savings. Twenty one attended the April meeting. - **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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DISTRICT XV —

Dewey L. Scott
Governor

The weekend of June 28-29 has been set by **Greater Orange Coin Club** for the annual coin show. Bill Stein is advertising chairman and Dewey R. Scott is assistant. Scott will also be in charge of security. Ski Bilowich will take care of the bank advertisement.

Members voted to donate coin books to Orange Public Library in honor of National Coin Week. Ed

White conducted the auction.

Sid King presented a program on Wills and his advice was everyone should have a will, power of attorney and step-by-step instructions. - **Becky Scott, Sec.**

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Dale Richey had a special guest speaker lined up for the meeting of **Beaumont Coin Club** - attorney Ben Wagman, an authority on Texas history. Four new members joined the club - Doc Livingston, Jack Provost Jr., and Robert and Sandra Towne.

At a previous meeting, Jerry Williams presented a program on the History of Beaumont. He had researched the city's background and said that Beaumont was settled in 1835 by Moses Tevis who came by boat from Mississippi. He settled at Bowie and Main Sts. It was named for Tevis' daughter's husband. The Lucas oil gusher of 1901 put Beaumont on the map and caused it to grow even faster than Houston at that time. Williams also led the auction after the program. - **Kaye Brown, Sec.**

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Chinese paper money printed during the 1300s was fifteen inches long.

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the entire issue was sold. The same number were struck at each of the mints in 1936 with a total of 3,008 being returned to the mint.

This should have ended the series, but as often happens, it dragged on with coins being struck at all three mints in 1937 and 1938.

In 1937, 24,000 were issued with 4,200 being melted. An additional 5,000 were turned out by each of the mints in 1938, and 11,353 were sold at $2.00 each. Profits from these sales were used in funding the Texas Memorial Museum located in Austin.

To further study the Texas Centennial half dollar, I recommend you read the article "The Texas Half Dollar" by Anthony Swiatek which appeared in the November 1985 issue of **COINage.** Pointers are given for those planning to purchase one of the coins and the article describes surface finish of the various years and mints and how to determine if one has been cleaned, etc.

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